

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of May 30, 2006. Claims 1-13 and 15-21 were rejected. Claims 1-9, 14 and 18-21 are cancelled. New claims 22-28 are added. Claims 10-13, 15-17, and 22-28 are pending.

The Examiner stated in section 9 of the Office Action that claims 14 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has consequently amended the claims such that the subject matter of claims 14 and 15 is rewritten as independent claims including all of the limitations of the base claims and independent claims.

Applicant has rewritten the subject matter of claim 14 in independent form by amending claim 10 to include the limitation of claim 14. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-13 and 15-17 should be condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten the subject matter of claim 15 in independent form as new claim 22. New claims 23-28 are dependent from claim 22 and repeat limitations of other dependent claims. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 22-28 should also be condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 03-3117.

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